

## **Short Answer/Extended Response Practice Questions**

1. What contextual evidence do we have to support the allusion that Jimmy Valentine is like a mythical phoenix?
2. Compare and contrast Jimmy Valentine to Ralph Spencer.
3. Compare and contrast O. Henry to Jimmy Valentine.
4. Do you agree with Ben Price's belief that people (such as a safecracker like Jimmy Valentine) can truly become reformed (a changed man)? What evidence from the story could support or disprove this belief?
5. Explain Jimmy's actions when he asks Annabel for her rose. How does this action signify the decision he's making?